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For: STAPLE GUN APPARATUS FOR
ATTACHING TAB

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"STAPLE GUN APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING TAB"

The specification of which is attached hereto.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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[] in compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)

I hereby claim domestic priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (e), of any provisional application(s).

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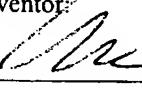
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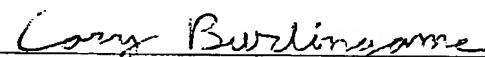
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